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GROWTH RATE OF TELECOM INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate of telecom industry in the country is the same as that of the previous year;

(b) if not, the annual growth rate of the industry during the year 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(c) the details about the gross production value of the telecom industry during the said years, year-wise; and

(d) the details of the value of telecom products exported by the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The growth rate of telecom industry is generally measured by the growth of the Direct Exchange Lines (DELs). The growth rate of DEL during this year is approximately the same as that of the previous year.

(b) The annual growth rate of Direct Exchange Lines (DEL) for the years 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 is given below:

Year	Annual growth rate
1998-1999	21.3%
1999-2000	22.77%
2000-2001	22.35%

(c) So far as telecom manufacturing sector is concerned, according to available information, telecom equipment produced by the industry during the period is as under:

Year	Value in (Rs. Crore)
1998-1999	10,000
1999-2000	10,760
2000-2001	12,271

(d) The details of telecom products exported during the last three years is as under:

Year	Export of Telecom Equipment (Rs. Crore)
1998-1999	250
1999-2000	180
2000-2001	450